

erty, and the pursuit of happiness for all its citizens;

Whereas the United States endured a civil war for emancipation, and in doing so, formed a permanent union and a society of equals;

Whereas the United States has outlawed racial, ethnic, and religious bigotry to create the world's greatest multicultural society;

Whereas the United States respects the individual and welcomes each one's participation in our democratic society;

Whereas the United States is the pre-eminent land of opportunity which rewards hard work, ingenuity, and perseverance;

Whereas the ethnic diversity of the United States has provided an abundance of energy, creativity, and prosperity;

Whereas people in the United States recognize and reward the contributions of members from every group;

Whereas people in the United States are working to close opportunity gaps so that all may share in the great prosperity of our Nation;

Whereas people in the United States of all backgrounds have sacrificed their lives in war to defend the cause of freedom for people around the world; and

Whereas people in the United States of African, Asian, European, Latin American, Middle Eastern, and Native American backgrounds cherish and celebrate their various national, ethnic, and religious heritages: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That it is the sense of the Congress that all people in the United States should reach out across our differences in ethnicity, race, and religion to respect each other and to celebrate, in friendship and unity, one America.

When said concurrent resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said concurrent resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said concurrent resolution.

#### ¶113.20 NOTICE—MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES—H.R. 2670

Mr. TANCREDO, pursuant to clause 7(c)(1)(B) of rule XXII, announced his intention to instruct the managers on the part of the House at the conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H.R. 2670) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, to agree, to the extent within the scope of the conference, to provisions that (1) reduce non-essential spending in programs authorized within the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and other related agencies; (2) reduce spending on international organizations, in particular, in order to honor the commitment of the Congress to protect Social Security; and (3) do not increase overall spending to a level that exceeds the higher of the House bill or the Senate amendment.

#### ¶113.21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, an-

nounced that the Senate agrees to the report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1906) "An Act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes."

#### ¶113.22 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—TELECOMMUNICATION PAYMENTS TO CUBA

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. COOKSEY, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, Public Law 104-114, 110 Stat. 785, I transmit herewith a semiannual report "detailing payments made to Cuba . . . as a result of the provision of telecommunications services" pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 13, 1999.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

#### ¶113.23 NOTICE—MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES—H.R. 1501

Ms. JACKSON LEE, pursuant to clause 7(c)(1)(B) of rule XXII, announced her intention to instruct the managers on the part of the House at the conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H.R. 1501) to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders, to insist that (1) the committee of conference should immediately have its first substantive meeting to offer amendments and motions, including gun safety amendments and motions, and (2) the committee of conference report a conference substitute by October 20, the six month anniversary of the tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, and with sufficient opportunity for both the House and the Senate to consider gun safety legislation prior to adjournment.

#### ¶113.24 RECESS—9:27 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. TOOMEY, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 9 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

#### ¶113.25 AFTER RECESS—11:07 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, called the House to order.

#### ¶113.26 SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE REPORT—H.R. 2684

Mr. WALSH submitted a conference report (Rept. No. 106-379) on the bill

(H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

#### ¶113.27 RECESS—11:08 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 11 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

#### ¶113.28 AFTER RECESS—11:57 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, called the House to order.

#### ¶113.29 WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 2684

Mr. SESSIONS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 106-380) the resolution (H. Res. 328) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

#### ¶113.30 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2679

Mr. SESSIONS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 106-381) the resolution (H. Res. 329) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2679) to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the National Motor Carrier Administration in the Department of Transportation, to improve the safety of commercial motor vehicle operators and carriers, to strengthen commercial driver's licenses, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

#### ¶113.31 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3064

Mr. SESSIONS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 106-382) the resolution (H. Res. 330) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3064) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

#### ¶113.32 ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported